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Montana Medicaid Notice

Physician, Mid-level and Pharmacy Providers

Abilify Dose Consolidation

Effective May 1, 2007, quantity limits will be imposed for the following strengths of Abilify to ensure prescriptions are dispensed in the most cost-effective manner. Abilify is a psychotropic drug indicated for once-daily administration. A review of all Abilify prescriptions from 2005 was performed and had doses been consolidated into the most effective combination, more than \$150,000 could have been saved for Montana taxpayers. For example: The daily cost for a patient taking 15mg is tripled when the dose is administered as 3 x 5mg tablets.

Dose	Cost/Dose (AWP)	Daily Qty. Limit
2mg, 5mg, 10mg	\$12.81	1
15mg	\$12.81	1.5
20mg	\$18.12	2
30mg	\$18.12	none

When a prescription is submitted in excess of the quantity limit, the claim will deny with an edit message notifying the pharmacy to consolidate the dose or call for Prior Authorization.

The prescriber (physician, etc.) or pharmacy may submit requests by mail, telephone, or fax to:

Drug Prior Authorization Unit
Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation
3404 Cooney Drive
Helena, MT 59602
(406) 443-6002 or (800) 395-7961 (Phone)
(406) 443-7014 or (800) 294-1350 (Fax)

Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to Wendy Blackwood at (406) 444-2738 or the Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization Unit at (406) 443-6002.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958
Helena: (406) 442-1837

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